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REPORT U. S. IGNORES CUBAN TRUCE FEELER

2 Kennedy Aids Give Guevara Brushoff

HAVANA, Cuba, Aug. 24 (UPI)—Fidel Castro's regime has admitted sending out a feeler to President Kennedy for truce talks. The White House gave it the brushoff.

Ernesto [Che] Guevara, Cuba's economic czar, made the approach to Richard Goodwin, a presidential aid, last Friday in Uruguay during a cocktail party after the inter-American economic conference.

Made Offer Twice

Guevara told a radio-TV audience last night that he informed Goodwin, one of Kennedy's Latin American experts, that "Cuba is ready to talk" about solving differences between the two countries.

Guevara had made the same offer in an open session of the conference at Punta del Este, declaring Cuba was ready "to discuss on a basis of equality any affair with the United States."

Robert Woosley, under-secretary of state for Latin Affairs, said the United States had accepted such Cuban offers "time after time" but the Americans always "created impossible conditions—they never want to talk on a reasonable basis."

Guevara said he told Goodwin Cuba "wants to remain within the hemisphere and community." But he said he emphasized the Castro regime's determination to maintain its own political and economic systems.

Stranded by Washington at conference

A Chance Meeting

Goodwin told friends he met Guevara by chance at a party given by a Brazilian diplomat in Montevideo, to which both had been invited.

Pierre Salinger, White House press secretary, told newsmen the meeting "had no political significance."

Salinger said it was "just a case of two men meeting at a reception and one of them being polite enough to listen for a few minutes to someone he met at a party."

Guevara, reporting on the Punta del Este conference, charged that Kennedy's 20 billion dollar Alliance-for-Progress program, which was accepted by the 19 other Latin American countries, was intended to be an "advance payment" to gain support for aggression against Castro's regime.

"As an effort to isolate Cuba, the conference can be considered a . . . failure of the United States," said Guevara. He added that Brazil, Argentina, and Mexico, among others, successfully beat down an attempt to exclude Cuba from the American family of nations.

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